

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall**

**on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 commencing at 7.30 pm**

**Present :** Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr M Kneen, Mr B Wright, Mr S Lord, Mr P Farmer, Mr S Lord and Mr D Aldridge

**Apologies:** Mr A Leary and Mr B Allen

**District/County Councillor:** Mrs M Dobson

**Clerk:** Mrs Sally Sillery

### **27/19 Declarations of Interest:**

Mr Farmer confirmed a declaration of interest under planning in relation to the approval of his recent application.

Mr Aldridge also declared an interest with a planning application to fell trees on his property.

### **28/19 Matters arising from minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Mr McClymont asked the Clerk to amend the minutes in relation to the bush of Hargon Lane as this should read Holme Lane. Mr McClymont also confirmed that he had pruned the bush.

The Chairman raised the question of the new Notice Board outside the old Post Office. There is a vast choice and it comes down to how much the Council wants to spend. Councillor Dobson suggested contacting Men in Sheds as they may be able to make one to our design. The Chairman is to make contact and a budget of £1000.00 was set.

Replacement Dog Bin for Pocklington Crescent – The Chairman is to put this in place.

Parish Council Elections – The Chairman informed the meeting that the required number of Councillors for the Langford Ward has been met with Mr Wright and Mr Allen standing again. This was an uncontested election.

There was also an uncontested election for the Winthorpe Ward with four people being elected, Messrs Cammack, Leary, Lord and Farmer. This leaves three vacancies on the Parish Council. The Chairman advised that anyone who wished to become a Parish Councillor needed to express an interest to the Parish Clerk before the next meeting and they could be co-opted onto the Council.

The meeting was informed that Mr Aldridge, who has been on the Parish Council since 1974, is stepping down. The Clerk provided a superb Victoria Sponge to celebrate the excellent contribution from Mr Aldridge over many years, for which the village is very grateful.

Play Park update – Mr Farmer has been looking into the possibility of having some adult equipment on the Play Park. He met with Paul Greenfield of Kompan to look at options.

He intends to apply to Derbyshire Environmental for funding but the Parish Council will have to contribute 10% of the cost. Councillor Dobson also suggested contacting Andy Hardy at N.S.D.C. as they may be able to contribute. Another potential provider is "To Go". It was also suggested that a survey of the village be carried out to see whether such equipment would be welcomed and used.

The Chairman suggested that we ask Mr Farmer to apply for £30,000.00 worth of funding and we will contribute £3,000.00. It was agreed that bikes would be a good option and that they should be sited near the play park so that adults can use them whilst accompanying their children. It was suggested that the application should confirm that the village had a large elderly population and that health and welfare of the residents was paramount.

Councillor Dobson confirmed that there was no update on the Traveller Site.

Councillor Dobson said that a resident on Gainsborough Road, adjacent to the Lord Nelson was worried about flooding and she has arranged for the "gully sucker" to come and clear out the drains.

The owners of the land behind the Village Hall have obtained a forestry licence to clear the land and are now planting saplings. Councillor Dobson said that there was a lot of dead wood in the gardens beyond the Village Hall. The Chairman is to have a look and earmark which gardens have problem trees.

Mr Farmer raised the question of the tree that has come down at the Almshouses. This is the responsibility of Newark and Sherwood Homes.

Mr Barthorpe has not received a refund for his revised planning application for the allotments from NSDC. Councillor Dobson is to pursue this.

Hargon Lane is having pot holes repaired next week.

The minutes were approved by Mr McClymont and seconded by Mr Farmer.

### **30/19 Tennis Club**

In Mr Leary's absence, the Chairman reported on the Tennis Club.

Mr Leary is the new Chairman with Mr Chris Hickman as Treasurer and Mr Jonny Powell as a committee member. It has been agreed that the Tennis Club will sit under the Parish Council's wing just as the Summer Festival and Village Bonfire do. Mr Hickman will open a new bank account with Parish Council signatories such as the Chairman, another person and Mr Hickman representing the Tennis Club.

The Tennis Club have funds of £3,990.53, which will be used to maintain the courts in future years.

The club is to sort a constitution which details its position and responsibilities within the Parish Council.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council's insurance policy already covers the Tennis Courts so there is no extra expense to be incurred. The Chairman asked if the Council were happy with the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

### **31/19 Burial Plot/Allotments**

**Burial Plot** – The Chairman informed the Council that the matter of burial plots had been raised at a recent meeting with Reverend Mandy as the Church was nearing capacity.

The Chairman suggested that the Winthorpe P.C.C. might wish to run the new burial site on Hargon Lane as a form of income for the Church. Reverend Mandy has taken this proposal away to discuss with the P.C.C.

**Allotment** – Mr Barthorpe has been asked by N.S.D.C. planning department to explain the delay in the coverage of the shed. The reason for this is because Mr Barthorpe is waiting for the best conditions to plant shrubs, etc. To have done this in the winter months would have meant a loss of plants. Stand Pipes have now been put in place to replace the water troughs that were stolen.

### **32/19 Invoices and Accounts for approval**

No invoices to pay

Accounts discussed in the Finance Meeting. Figures as at year end 31 March 2019:

Current account - £349.15

Holding Account - £8,344.31

Festival Account - £842.13

Events Account - £943.47

The Clerk also circulated the accounts for the new financial year. The only differences were in the Holding and in the Current Account

Holding Account - £3,411.87. The Clerk has transferred £4,432.44 to the current account for onward credit to the Santander Property Trust Account. This represents the balance of the Youth Club funds. £500 was also transferred to top up the current account

Current Account - £552.35 – Receipt of £500.00 top up and the Youth Club funds for transfer to Santander.

Payments made:

- Garage Rent - £42.39
- Clerk's Wages - £170.00
- Purchase of cement - £9.04
- Waste Bin purchase from Glasdon - £75.37

### **33/19 Planning**

Confirmation was received that Mr Farmer's plans had been approved for a single storey orangery.

Mr Aldridge has had an application to fell trees in his garden refused as the N.S.D.C. Planning Department felt that there was no justification to remove the trees.

Mr Woodman had emailed his concern over the proposed development of the Academy.

The application to build a property on land off Holme Lane has been refused by the N.S.D.C. Planning Department. The reason for the refusal was the fact that the land is at risk of flooding and it is a conservation area and therefore development must be controlled.

### **34/19 Correspondence / AOB**

Mr Farmer had been asked by a resident about the bus service in the village. It would appear that the last bus from Newark into the village is 15.33 pm. The Clerk is to raise this issue with Councillor Dobson.

The Clerk raised the question of purchasing remembrance poppies for the lamp posts on Gainsborough Road. This was unanimously approved. The Clerk is to order poppies.

A letter received from Seafarers Association asking the Parish Council to fly the Red Ensign for Merchants Navy Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It was discussed and agreed to do this. The Clerk is to purchase the flag.

The Chairman has arranged for a Hurricane to flyover the Village Festival

The Chairman informed the Council that the garage behind the Community Centre has now been cleared and asked if the Council wanted to give up the N.S.D.C. garage and use the one behind the Community Centre thereby saving over £40 per month in rent. It was agreed that this was a good idea and a day will be arranged to move everything over. The Chairman is to inform Clerk when the garage is clear so that she inform N.S.D.C. that we no longer require the garage.

Mr Aldridge raised the issue of a resident's car being parked on the path opposite the school on Gainsborough Road. It would appear that there is no driveway and whilst it is not ideal, it is better than being parked on the road which was more problematic in relation to school traffic. It was agreed that this was the lesser of two evils.

Mr Aldridge said that the dog bin at the Burial Ground needs a new post as it has snapped. The Chairman is to ask Mark Turner if he can replace it.

There is a tree at 1 Branston Close which is obstructing the path. The Clerk is to write to the resident.

Meeting Closed 8:35 pm

### **TO DO LIST**

- Mr Farmer is to make application to Derbyshire Environmental for adult Play Park funding and to contact Andy Hardy at NSDC and "To Go"
- The Chairman is to put Dog Bin up on Pocklington Crescent
- The Chairman is to look at trees in the gardens beyond the Village Hall
- Councillor Dobson to chase the Allotment Planning Refund
- The Clerk is to talk to Councillor Dobson about Bus Service
- The Chairman is to talk to Men in Sheds about the notice board
- The Clerk is to purchase poppies and naval flag
- The council are to transfer contents from the garage to the one behind the Community Centre and inform N.S.D.C. that we no longer require it.
- The Chairman is to ask Mark Turner to replace the post on the Dog Bin on the Burial Ground
- The Clerk is to write to the resident at 1 Branston Close about an overhanging tree